

REMARKS

It is noted with appreciation that claims 1 and 2 are allowed and although claims 3-5 have been objected to, these claims would be allowed if the applicant complies with the Examiner's recommendations.

Claim 3 has been objected to for minor informalities and claims 3-5, 6 and 8 have been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 112 for reasons set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Examiner's Office Action. As the Examiner will note the relevant claims have been amended to eliminate all of the formal objections raised by the Examiner as well as the rejections of the claims under 35 USC 112. Accordingly, it is believed that the claims are now in allowable form.

Claim 7 was inadvertently cancelled in the Applicant's previous response to the Examiner's Office Action.. Accordingly, claim 9 has been added to the present application, newly added claim 9 reflecting the subject matter of original claim 7 but containing further editorial corrections.

Accordingly, it is now believed the present application is in condition for allowance. And thus an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

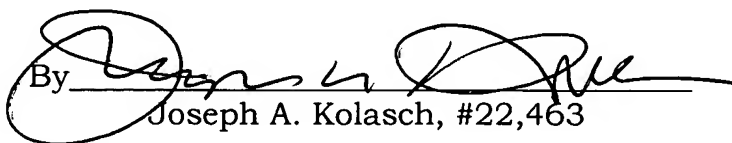
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Joseph A. Kolasch, Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicant respectfully petitions for a two (2) month extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$210.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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